

REMARKS

Pursuant to Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway Program between the JPO and the USPTO concurrently filed herewith, the instant Third Preliminary Amendment amends the claims so that they substantively correspond to the allowed claims in the corresponding JP national stage application (JP 2005-513637) which has now issued as JP Patent No. 3966890 on June 8, 2007. The correspondence between the claims of the present application and those of the now issued JP national stage application is set forth as part of the Request.

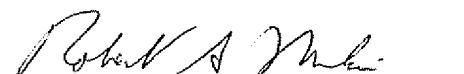
Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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